

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

### **LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claim 1 (Original). 1. A tool for repair of damaged threads of screws, comprising: a body having a projecting portion for accommodating a screw to be repaired and having two recessed major surfaces; two blades, each having a rear end hingedly articulated in said body and a front end in the shape of a cutting face substantially fitting the type of thread to be repaired; means to alter the distance between said cutting faces and said projecting portion to accommodate screws of different diameters, and wherein said rear ends of said blades are configured in such a way that they are capable of serving as pivots, whereby said blades are hingedly articulated to said body.

Claim 2 (Original). The tool as claimed in claim 1, wherein said two blades are of a substantially equal length.

Claim 3 (Original). The tool as claimed in claim 1, wherein said means is at least one thumbscrew adapted to exert pressure on said blades against the biasing force of spring means.

Claim 4 (Original). The tool as claimed in claim 3, wherein said pressure is applied via a pressure pad straddling said blades by means of lobes integral with said pad.

Claim 5 (Original). The tool as claimed in claim 3, wherein said spring means is a substantially flat spring, one of end which is anchored in said body and the other end of which is applied against said blades.

Claim 6 (Original). The tool as claimed in claim 1, wherein said projecting portion is in the form of a V-block.

Claim 7 (Original). The tool as claimed in claim 6, wherein the active surfaces of said V- block are provided with hard-metal linings.

Claim 8 (Original). The tool as claimed in claim 1, further comprising cover plates seated in said body and provided with interlocking projections whereby, upon assembly, said cover plates are affixed to said body.

Claim 9 (Original). The tool as claimed in claim 3, wherein said means is two thumbscrews.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended). The tool as claimed in claim 4 ~~claims 4 and 9~~, wherein said pressure is applied via two pressure pads straddling said blades from above and below, respectively, by means of lobes integral with said pads.

Claim 11 (Original). The tool as claimed in claim 4, wherein said pressure pad comprises two lobes extending in planes substantially parallel to said major surfaces of said body.

Claim 12 (Original). The tool as claimed in claim 4, wherein said pressure pad comprises two pairs of two lobes each, each pair extending in planes substantially perpendicular to said major surfaces of said body.

Claim 13 (Original). The tool as claimed in claim 12, wherein each lobe of said pairs of lobes is configured as an inclined plane, the planes of one of said pairs being outwardly inclined, while the planes of the other one of said pairs are inwardly inclined.

Claim 14 (Original). The tool as claimed in claim 3, wherein at least portions of the upper and lower straight edges of said blades are provided with chamfers adapted to cooperate with inclined planes of said lobes.

Claim 15 (Original). The tool as claimed in claim 3, wherein said spring means is a helical compression spring seated around one of said two thumbscrews.